

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

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FGT-10002/44

First named inventor: Paul J. Stewart

Application No: 10/020,362-Conf. #2674

Art Unit: 2628

Filed: October 30, 2001

Examiner: K. T. Nguyen

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DIRECT MESH MANIPULATION

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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee – required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☐ Small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity – fee \$ 1,500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in
the form of _____ (identify type of reply):
- ☐ has been filed previously on _____ .
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ 1700.00 .
- ☒ has been paid previously on January 3, 2007 .
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

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Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity
or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time
is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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March 16, 2007

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Terminal Disclaimer Form

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Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Paul J. Stewart

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Confirmation No.: 2674

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DIRECT MESH
MANIPULATION**

Examiner: K. T. Nguyen

STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL DELAY

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant's representative recently became aware that the Notice of Allowance for the above referenced matter, dated March 23, 2006, was returned to the USPTO as undeliverable on March 30, 2006 (copy of returned envelope attached), since it was sent to an old address. The Notice of Allowance was resent by the USPTO on October 2, 2006 to the old address, and again returned to the USPTO as undeliverable on October 23, 2006 (copy of returned envelope attached). It should be noted that this second mailing did not include a new mailing date, however, the envelope was date stamped October 2, 2006.

The Applicant's representative moved in January 2005, and filed an address change for other applications associated with the Applicant's customer number. The above application was filed in 2001, and did not include an associated customer number and so the address was

inadvertently unchanged. However, a check of PAIR reveals use of the current address for applicant's representative.

The Applicant submits that the payment of the issue fee within three months of the second mailing is a timely submission, and respectfully requests such consideration.

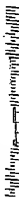
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 07-1180, under Order No. FGT-10002/44.

Dated: March 16, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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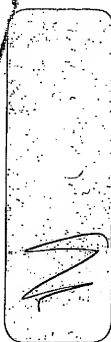
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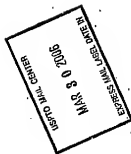
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DIRECT MESH MANIPULATION

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

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B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

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EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
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1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).

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☐ "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer Number is required.

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Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☐ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

4a. The following fee(s) are submitted:

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5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.311. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 794 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 794 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/020,382

Examiner

Kimbinh T. Nguyen

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application; If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 01/09/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE 'MAILING DATE' of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as 'replacement sheets') must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ Including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ Including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to amendment filed 01/06/06.
2. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 5, the prior art does not teach a user using the computer system to convert the CAD model into a mesh model, and iteratively evaluate the mesh model until a predetermined response is generated by performing a computer-aided engineering (CAE) analysis of the mesh model; modifying a design parameter based on the CAE analysis, and updating the mesh model to include the modified design parameter by direct mesh manipulation of the mesh model using Dirichlet parameter distribution to determine deformation of the surface of the mesh model, so that the evaluation of the mesh model is used in the design of the product.

Claim 9, the prior art does not teach determining whether to vary a predetermined design parameter based on the CAE analysis; modifying the predetermined design parameter, if determined to vary the design parameter; updating the mesh model to include the modified design parameter using direct surface manipulation (DSM) of the mesh model, wherein a surface of the mesh model is described as an elastic sheet and linear elastic finite element analysis is applied to determine a displacement of the surface; and modifying the surface of the mesh model by the amount of the displacement; and using the evaluation of the mesh model in the design of the product.

Claim 12, the prior art does not teach determining whether to vary a predetermined design parameter based on the CAE analysis; modifying the predetermined design parameter, if determined to vary the design parameter; updating the mesh model to include the modified design parameter using direct surface manipulation (DMM) of the mesh model, wherein a surface of the mesh model is embedded within a lattice structure having a volume, a point within the volume is modified and finite element analysis is applied to determine a displacement of the node within a lattice; and modifying the surface of the mesh model by the amount of the displacement; and using the evaluation of the mesh model in the design of the product.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

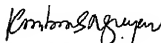
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimbinh T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7644. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached at (571) 272-7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Art Unit: 2671

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

March 17, 2006



KIMSANT T. NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER